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SERIES OF BLOWS TO CIA

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AMERICAN Intelligence is looking into allegations that Sir Roger Hollis spied for the K G B, in case American secrets were involved.

The allegations have been known for some years by a small inner group within the American Intelligence community who were kept in touch by British Intelligence when doubts arose in London about Hollis's loyalty.

But the charges shocked the majority of Americans in the intelligence field, including apparently the Senate Intelligence Committee, under the chairmanship of Senator Barry Goldwater, which is expected to launch its own investigation.

Calls for inquiry

Britain has been painfully trying to restore full trust and co-operation after Burgess and Maclean and then the Philby affair, which caused a temporary cut-off of shared intelligence.

Confidence was gradually restored, but the revelations about Anthony Blunt, described by a member of the American intelligence community yesterday as the "Keeper of the Queen's moles," came as another blow.

Senior American intelligence officials are believed to share the British view that the allegations are probably untrue.

But demands for Britain to hold a full investigation into its intelligence and counter-intelligence services, are likely to be increased.